

Table 1. There were nod differences in behaviour of physiological indicators of stress between familiar (F) and unfamiliar (UF) handlers

Variable	n =	Handler	Mean	IQR	v =	p =
Crossing Time	46	F	51.78	4.41 - 61.57	415	0.354
		UF	63.82	5.19 - 146.8		
Pre-test IRT	46	F	33.15	32.46 - 33.69	412	0.236
		UF	33.36	32.54 - 34.09		
Post- test IRT	46	F	33.05	32.54 - 33.49	440	0.388
		UF	33.08	32.3 - 33.69		
Pre-test Discrepancy	46	F	0.153	-0.3 - 0.7	454	0.832
		UF	0.218	-0.4 - 0.6		
Post-test Discrepancy	46	F	0.268	-0.2 - 0.5	411	0.373
		UF	0.015	-0.4 - 0.3		
Heart Rate	26	F	73.88	51.67 - 83.1	126	0.333
		UF	75.19	55.85 - 81.55		
Heart Rate Variability	26	F	108.1	70.71 - 143.3	163	1
		UF	101.9	80.31 - 122.9		